



Texas Division of Emergency Management State Situation Report

New Information in Blue Text

Event Name	22-0009 Wildfire Outbreak 17MAR
Date	March 31, 2022
Time	9:00 AM
Operational Period	8:00 AM March 30 to 8:00 AM March 31, 2022
Report Number	14

Regions Affected

TDEM Regions Affected	1, 2, 3, 4, 5 & 6
DDCs Active	1, 4A, 5, 6, 7, 19 & 20

STATEWIDE CURRENT SITUATION: The Texas State Operations Center has again, activated for continued wildfire response operations, Monday, 28 March, 2022 at 8:00 AM. [Texas A&M Forest Service \(TAMFS\) received 10 new requests for assistance with fire suppression operations on Wednesday. No fire weather is forecasted for Texas today.](#)

On March 29, Governor Abbott encouraged Texans to remain vigilant and informed on weather conditions as fire danger and severe weather threaten the state. Significant portions of the western half of Texas are facing extreme fire weather conditions today and tomorrow due to high wind gusts, dry fuels, and low humidity. Primary areas of concern today for fires are the Panhandle, South Plains, and West Texas, with the risk shifting to much of the southern half of the state tomorrow. ([Complete Statement Here](#))

On March 27, Governor Abbott amended the Disaster Declaration, adding Medina County.

On March 21, Governor Abbott amended the Disaster Declaration, adding Blanco, Erath, Hood, Runnels, and Starr counties.

On March 18, Governor Abbott issued a Disaster Declaration due to an imminent threat of widespread or severe damage, injury, or loss of life or property in Brooks, Brown, Coleman, Comanche, Eastland, Grayson, Mason, Potter, Randall, and Williamson Counties.

On March 16, Governor Abbott directed the Texas Division of Emergency Management (TDEM) to activate additional state resources as escalated fire weather conditions continue to impact the state this week. In addition, the Texas State Emergency Operations Center (SOC) is increasing readiness to Level II: Escalated Response for Critical Fire Weather Conditions. Representatives from key state agencies belonging to the Emergency Management Council reported to the SOC on Thursday, March 17 at 7:00 AM CT to assist in the state's response to fire weather conditions.

On March 15, Governor Abbott directed TDEM to mobilize state resources as Texas faces increased fire weather conditions this week. The National Weather Service warns high winds and low relative humidity has created heightened risk for wildfires in the western half of the state.

Access damage surveys, find an evacuation shelter, and view wildfire resources
Visit our March Wildfires Disaster page for more information:
<https://www.tdem.texas.gov/disasters/2022-march-wildfires>

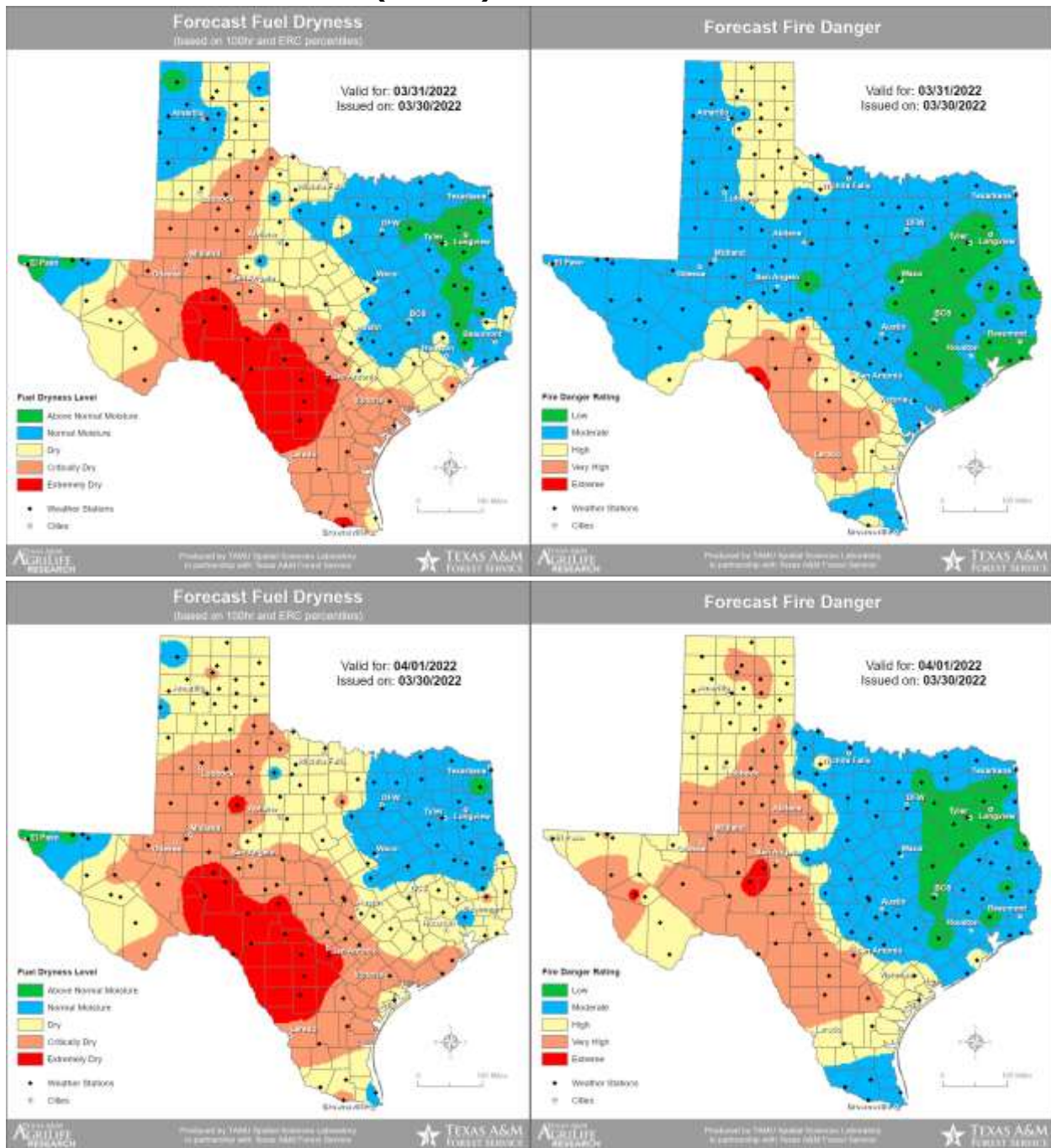
WEATHER:

NWS Fire Weather Outlook Valid: 6AM 3/31 to 6AM 4/1.



Day 1 Fire Weather Outlook: An upper-level trough will move from the Southeast into the Northeast CONUS today. A strong surface low, currently in the Great Lakes, will move into eastern Canada by this evening. The pressure field from this surface low is expansive, and windy conditions are expected across the entire eastern CONUS today. Most areas will be plenty moist, which will limit fire weather concerns. However, some dry conditions are expected across Florida with relative humidity in the 30 to 40 percent range. In addition, sustained winds of 15 to 18 mph are expected in this same region. Therefore, there is an elevated fire weather threat across portions of the central Florida Peninsula this afternoon.

Texas A&M Forest Service (TAMFS) – Predictive Services:



OPERATIONAL PRIORITIES:

1. Protect life and property.
2. Support rapid & effective response and recovery operations.
3. Collect and disseminate accurate incident information to improve decision-making.

4. Accurately track incident costs associated with assigned resources for cost recovery.

Region 1 (Includes DDCs 4 Garland, 4 Hurst, 5, 6, and 22)

DDC 4 – Hurst (Includes: Denton, Erath, Hood, Johnson, Palo Pinto, Parker, Somervell, Tarrant, and Wise Counties).

DDC 4A Hurst raised their readiness level to Level III (Increased Readiness Conditions).

DDC 5 – Mt. Pleasant (Includes: Bowie, Cass, Delta, Franklin, Hopkins, Lamar, Morris, Red River, and Titus Counties)

DDC 5 increased their readiness level to Level III (Increased Readiness Level).

Morris County: [Morris 0610: 2 acres – 100% contained.](#)

DDC 6 – Tyler (Includes: Anderson, Camp, Cherokee, Gregg, Harrison, Henderson, Marion, Panola, Rains, Rusk, Smith, Upshur, Van Zandt, and Wood Counties)

Harrison County: [Harrison 0638: 2 acres – 100% contained.](#)

Region 2 (Includes DDCs 13, 14, 15, 16 Houston, 16 Texas City, 16 Conroe, and DDC Pierce)

DDC 14 – Lufkin (Includes: Angelina, Houston, Jasper, Nacogdoches, Newton, Polk, Sabine, San Augustine, San Jacinto, Shelby, Trinity and Tyler Counties)

Nacogdoches County: [Nacogdoches 1808: 10 acres – 100% contained.](#)

Region 3 (Includes DDCs 19, 20, 21, and 24)

DDC 19 – Laredo (Includes: Jim Hogg, Starr, Webb, and Zapata Counties)

DDC 19 increased their readiness level to Level III (Increased Readiness Level).

Starr County: [Pinto Two: 315 acres – 60% contained.](#)

DDC 20 – Corpus Christi (Includes: Aransas, Bee, Brooks, Duval, Jim Wells, Kenedy, Kleberg, Live Oak, Nueces, Refugio, and San Patricio Counties)

DDC 20 increased their readiness level to Level III (Increased Readiness Level).

Brooks County: [Vib:](#) 9,424 acres – 85% contained.

[Cage:](#) 279 acres – 100% contained.

Kenedy County: [Jesus Maria:](#) 650 acres – 100% contained.

[Haypile South:](#) 0 acres – 0% contained.

Kleberg County: [Borrega:](#) 60,000 acres – 20% contained. Voluntary Evacuation issued by County Judge Madrid for West sides of Ricardo and Riviera. TxDOT closed SH 285 between US 281 and US 77.

DDC 21 – Weslaco (Includes: Cameron, Hidalgo, Willacy)

Hidalgo County: [Wingtip:](#) 446 acres - 100% contained

DDC 24 – Del Rio (Includes: Dimmit, Edwards, Kinney, La Salle, Maverick, Real, Uvalde, Val Verde, and Zavala Counties)

Kinney County: [West Nueces:](#) 1,750 acres – 80% contained.

La Salle County: [Los Angeles:](#) 3,000 acres - 20% contained

Region 4 (Includes DDCs 8, 9, and 10)

DDC 8 – El Paso (Includes: Brewster, Culberson, El Paso, Hudspeth, Jeff Davis, Presidio Counties)

Jeff Davis County: [Nunn:](#) 1,121 acres – 90% contained.

Region 5 (Includes DDCs 1, 2, 3, and 7)

DDC 1 – Amarillo (Includes: Armstrong, Briscoe, Carson, Castro, Childress, Collingsworth, Dallam, Deaf Smith, Donley, Gray, Hall, Hansford, Hartley, Hemphill,

Hutchinson, Lipscomb, Moore, Ochiltree, Oldham, Parmer, Potter, Randall, Roberts, Sherman, Swisher, and Wheeler Counties)

DDC 1 Amarillo activated to Level III at 10:00 AM on March 28.

Carson County: 6666 Complex: 363 acres – 0% contained.

Gray County: Double Barrel: 500 acres – 0% contained.

Roberts County: Canadian River Bottom: 39,568 acres – 40% contained.

DDC 2 – Lubbock (Includes Bailey, Cochran, Crosby, Dickens, Floyd, Garza, Hale, Hockley, King, Lamb, Lubbock, Lynn, Motley, Terry, and Yoakum Counties)

Cochran County: Dean: 663 acres – 100% contained.

Yoakum County: Bronco Pines: Unknown Acres – 100% contained.

DDC 7 – Abilene (Includes: Brown, Callahan, Coleman, Comanche, Eastland, Fisher, Haskell, Jones, Kent, Knox, Mitchell, Nolan, Runnels, Scurry, Shackelford, Stephens, Stonewall, Throckmorton, and Taylor Counties). DDC 7 remains at Readiness Level II (Escalated Response Conditions) for wildfire activities.

Brown County: Ramsey: 3,456 acres – 90% contained.

Coleman County: Thicket – 267 acres – 100% contained.

Eastland County: An FMAG was approved for the Wheat Field Fire and Kidd Fire by FEMA. The TFR expired March 31st at 0300 UTC.

Eastland Complex (Kidd, Wheat Field, Oak Mott & Walling Fires) – 54,026 acres – 100% contained.

Walling – 383 acres – 100% contained.

Oak Mott (Brown County) – 4,031 acres – 100% contained.

Wheat Field – 7,268 acres – 100% contained.

Kidd – 42,333 acres – 100% contained.

Mangum – 11 acres – 100% contained, added to the Eastland Complex fire March 20.

The Eastland Community Foundation in partnership with the Abilene Community Foundation has opened a disaster fund. <https://cfabilene.org/community-impact/fire-relief-funds>

Region 6 (Includes DDCs 11, 12, 17, 18A, 18B, and 23)

DDC 11 – Waco (Includes: Bosque, Falls, Freestone, Hill, Limestone and McLennan Counties)

Bosque County: Bosque River: 700 acres – 90% contained.

DDC 17 – Victoria (Includes: Calhoun, DeWitt, Goliad, Gonzales, Lavaca, Jackson and Victoria Counties)

Gonzales County: Roper: 180 acres – 95% contained.

DDC 18 – San Antonio (Includes: Bandera, Comal, Frio, Gillespie, Guadalupe, Kendall, Kerr, and Medina Counties)

Medina County: Das Goat: 1,092 acres – 95% contained.

DDC 23 – Killeen (Includes: Bell, Coryell, Hamilton, Lampasas, Milam, Mills and San Saba Counties)

Coryell County: Crittenburg Complex – 33,175 acres – 80% contained.

RESPONDING STATE AGENCIES/ORGANIZATIONS REPORTS

Texas Division of Emergency Management (TDEM) – Regional staff have been deployed to impacted areas to assist local officials in damage assessment and identification of needs. The SOC continues to facilitate information sharing and the coordination of response and recovery operations.

TDEM Communications Coordination Group (CCG): ESF 2 is assessing possible requirements to support Eastland County and other areas heavily impacted by the wildfires. Communications platforms are being identified for possible support if required.

TDEM Disaster Recovery Task Force (DRTF): DRTF HQ staff continue to support mass care at the SOC and actively monitoring the weather situation. DRTF regional

staff continue to support local jurisdictions affected by wildfires/ severe weather with damage assessments and organizing VOAD support.

TDEM Mass Care: State partners are supporting local jurisdictions from the wildfires and severe weather. Partners are ready to respond to support local jurisdiction with staff and materials pre-positioned around the state. Actively monitoring the weather situation and are prepared with national resources if needed. Overnight there were two shelters, one with population of seven in Medina County.

TDEM State Voluntary Agency Liaison (VAL): Disaster non-profits and Voluntary Organizations Active in Disasters are actively deployed and supporting jurisdictions from this severe weather event in TDEM Regions 1, 2, 5 and 6. Activities for this event to include but not limited to disaster cleanup, heavy equipment and chainsaw teams, supply distribution, feeding and sheltering operations, emotional and spiritual care for communities and first responders, technology support, donations, and volunteer management. Planning meetings between local jurisdictions and disaster nonprofits for establishing Multi Agency Resource Centers are ongoing.

Texas Emergency Management Assistance Team (TEMAT):

The DRTF HQ staff continue to support mass care at the SOC and actively monitoring the weather situation. DRTF regional staff continue to support local jurisdictions affected by wildfires/severe weather with damage assessments and organizing VOAD support.

Shelters: None Reported

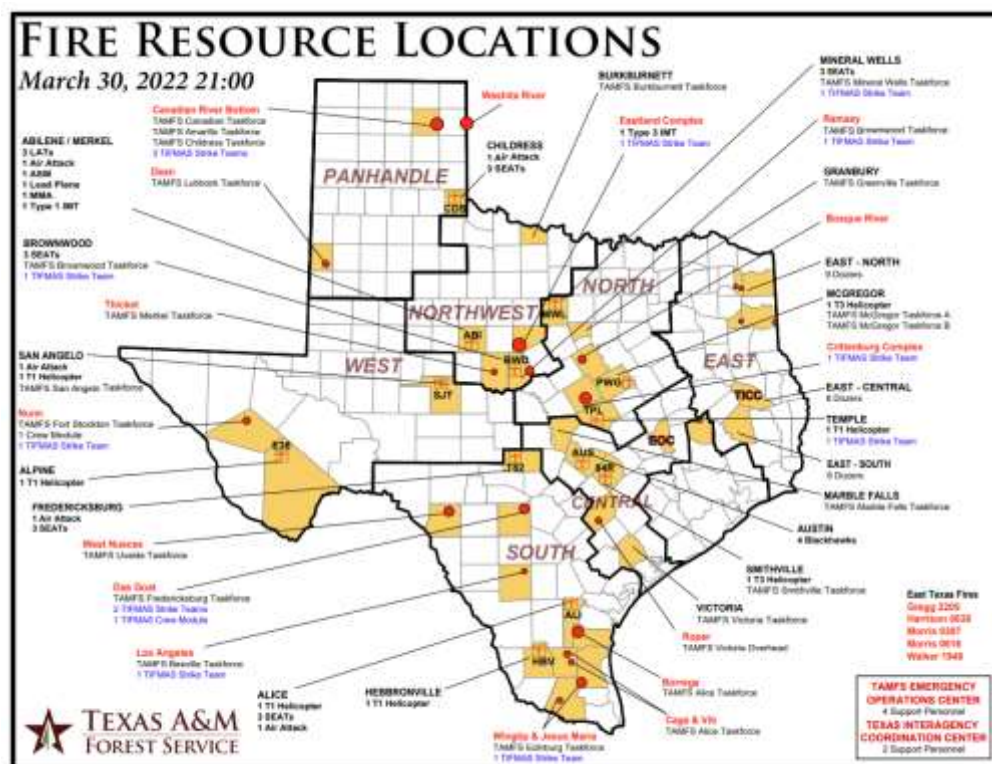
Texas A&M Agrilife Extension Service (Agrilife): The Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service is maintaining situational awareness of the evolving wildfire incidents across the state. [Agrilife Extension Disaster Assessment and Recovery Agents demobilized from the Eastland County Animal Supply Point, turning it over to the local Extension Agents on March 29. All remaining feed, supplies and hay were turned over to the local jurisdiction for continued distribution to landowners. County Extension Agricultural Agents in affected counties continue to assess agricultural damages with local USDA Farm Services Agency committees. They are also distributing TDA STAR Fund application information and other disaster relief information to landowners through mass media and individual contacts. County Family and Community Health Agents are working with local jurisdiction and families to provide disaster recovery resources and information.](#)

Below are numbers from AgriLife Extension and local jurisdictions as of 8:00 PM on March 30: Commodities received: 999 round bales of hay, 483 square bales of hay, 2,467 bags (123,350 lbs) of cattle cubes, 376 bags (18,800 lbs) of sweet feed, 75 bags (3,750 lbs) of horse feed, 80 bags (4,000 lbs) of hog feed, and 74 bags of pet food.

Commodities distributed: 978 round bales of hay, 245 square bales of hay, 1,862 bags (93,100 lbs) of cattle cubes, 376 bags (18,800 lbs) of sweet feed, 75 bags (3,750 lbs) of horse feed, 80 bags (4,000 lbs) of hog feed, 65 bags of pet food.

Texas A&M Engineering Extension Service (TEEX)/Texas A&M Public Works Response Team (TX-PWRT): One TEEX/TX-PWRT personnel managing ESF 3 Public Works and Engineering at the Remote SOC in Austin.

Texas A&M Forest Service (TAMFS): TAMFS 10 new requests for wildfires on Tuesday. Crews plan to staff eight (8) fires today, five (5) of which are carry over fires. Incident Updates can be found here: <https://inciweb.nwcg.gov/>



Texas Parks and Wildlife Department (TPWD): TPWD has been tasked to provide two firefighting brush trucks. Game wardens have been requested to assist with evacuations in Medina County as a wildfire continues to burn in that area. The fire has been burning since last night and the winds today have made it much more challenging for fire fighters as the fire continues to build and spread toward a residential area.

Public Utility Commission of Texas (PUC): The PUC continues to provide a liaison to the SOC and is monitoring for any outages or other issues with electricity providers. Tuesday, in cooperation with TDEM, we coordinated a call between TDEM, the PUC, electricity providers, and the leadership of the counties expected to see wind gusts in excess of 50 MPH. The call served to ensure that local leadership has easy access to communication with their local electric providers. As of 3:00 PM, there are no outages or other issues to report. [Overnight, and throughout March 30, local damages to power infrastructure remained generally manageable as restorations have quickly been enacted to reported outages throughout the state. Outages remained under 30,000 overnight, peaking near 29,000 in the late morning. As of 3:00 PM, the PUC is not tracking significant reported outages or generation issues.](#)

Railroad Commission of Texas (RRC): The RRC will continue to work with natural gas service providers throughout this event. No new natural gas service interruptions have been reported to the RRC at this time. RRC will continue to support ESF 12 and work with PUC.

Texas Animal Health Commission (TAHC): [TAHC continues to maintain situational awareness and will respond appropriately to any requests for assistance as they are received. No new STARs received, and all ESF-11 STARs have been filled.](#)

Texas Department of Agriculture (TDA): TDA continues to staff the Remote SOC as needed as part of the ESF-11 Team. The Hay Hotline is on hold but ready as needed to take hay donation calls or requests. Working with TAHC and AgriLife on livestock needs. STAR Funds accepting donations and requests for financial assistance. Emergency Management Team and Field Staff on alert to assist when and where needed.

Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ): TCEQ has staff available to assist local governments with any air/water/waste related issues including drinking water/wastewater issues and/or emergency response activities.

Texas Department of State Health Services (DSHS) – Emergency Medical Task Force (EMTF):

DSHS EMTF is providing medical resource support to the Eastland Complex wildfires. Total resources include [2] Wildfire packages (WLF), [1] Additional WPU (EMTF's 2, 4 and 11), and [1] WLF plus [1] REM (ETFs 1, 2, and 11) enroute to support the Canadian River Bottom Fire. Resources are working in close coordination with TAMFS and TIFMAS. There is (1) WLF package on standby from EMTF's 7, 8, 9 and 11 and (2) SWX packages on standby from EMTF'S 4 and 6.

Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT): TxDOT stands ready to support request through the STAR process. Fuel Support is being provided to the fire in Real County and the Canadian River Bottom Fire in Hemphill County. TxDOT is providing a water tender and staff for the Burr Ranch Fire in Kinney County. TxDOT is staffing the remote SOC.

Texas Department of Public Safety (TXDPS): The TXDPS has ensured the readiness of statewide resources to appropriately respond to this fire outbreak and weather event. Texas Highway Patrol (THP) troopers and other DPS personnel are fully prepared to respond as conditions dictate. Affected THP Disaster District Chairs are communicating with applicable state and local officials as needed. DPS Troopers and other agency personnel are providing support to applicable affected areas as requested. Region 6 THP San Antonio is providing personnel in Medina County to conduct roving patrol in the multiple subdivisions that were evacuated. Assisting with reentry by residents for the purpose of escorted damage assessment. Region 5 THP Eastland is providing security at the RSA in Eastland. THP personnel also providing roving/patrol security in Carbon.

Texas Military Department (TMD): TMD will support Texas A&M Forest Service in suppressing wildland fires in Texas. TMD has activated 2 Medium Rotary Wing MRP to provide direct support to TFS with fire suppression capability in response to critical fire weather. TMD has activated 28 personnel and 4 aircraft in support of 22-0009 Wildfire Outbreak 17MAR. On March 29, (4) UH-60 Blackhawks flew 66 hours and dropped 374 buckets for 246,840 gallons.

Voluntary Organizations Active in Disasters (VOADs):

American Red Cross (ARC): ARC team in North Texas has completed damage assessment and in-person recovery services. Virtual caseworkers will continue assisting with client referrals, follow-up, and closing cases as needed.

STATE RESOURCES COMMITTED

Agency	Resource Kind and Type	Personnel	Equip	Status	Location
TDEM DRTF	DRTF HQ Staff	2		Assigned	R-SOC
Agrilife, TAMUS	SOC Liaison	1		Assigned	R-SOC
Agrilife TAMUS	AgriLife Agency Admin	3		Assigned	Virtual
Agrilife, TAMUS	DAR Agents	4	2	Assigned	Eastland County
Agrilife, TAMUS	DAR Agents	7		Available	Statewide
Agrilife, TAMUS	AgriLife Extension Strike Team Members	4		Assigned	Merkel
Agrilife TAMUS	Agrilife Extension Strike Team Members	3		Assigned	Eastland County
TAMFS	Large Air Tanker (LAT)		2	Available	Abilene
TAMFS	Aerial Supervision Aircraft (AA)		1	Available	Abilene
TAMFS	Aerial Supervision Aircraft (ASM)		2	Available	Abilene
TAMFS	Lead Plane		1	Available	Abilene
TAMFS	Multi Mission Aircraft		1	Available	Abilene
TAMFS	Type I Helicopter		1	Available	Alice
TAMFS	Aerial Supervision Aircraft (AA)		1	Available	Alice
TAMFS	Single Engine Air Tanker (SEATs)		3	Available	Alice
TAMFS	Type 1 Helicopter		1	Available	Alpine
TAMFS	Aerial Supervision Aircraft (AA)		1	Available	Childress
TAMFS	Single Engine Air Tanker (SEATs)		3	Available	Childress

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TAMFS	Aerial Supervision Aircraft (AA)		1	Available	Fredericksburg
TAMFS	Single Engine Air Tanker (SEATs)		3	Available	Fredericksburg
TAMFS	Type 1 Helicopter		1	Available	Hebbronville Airport
TAMFS	Type 3 Helicopter		1	Available	McGregor
TAMFS	Single Engine Air Tanker (Fire Boss)		3	Available	Mineral Wells
TAMFS	Aerial Supervision Aircraft (AA)		1	Available	San Angelo
TAMFS	Type I Helicopter		1	Available	San Angelo
TAMFS	Type 3 Helicopter		1	Available	Smithville
TAMFS	Type 1 Helicopter		1	Available	Temple Airport
TAMFS	TAMFS Taskforce	13 Taskforces		Available	Various
TAMFS	TAMFS Dozer Strike Team	2 STs		Available	McGregor
TAMFS	Dozer/Tractor Plow		23	Available	Various
TIFMAS	TIFMAS Strike Team	2 ST		Available	Nunn
TIFMAS	TIFMAS Strike Team	3 ST		Available	Das Goat
TIFMAS	TIFMAS Strike Team	1 ST		Available	Edinburg
TIFMAS	TIFMAS Strike Team	1 ST		Available	Bosque River
TIFMAS	TIFMAS Strike Team	1 ST		Assigned	Eastland Complex
TIFMAS	TIFMAS Strike Team ST	3 ST		Available	Ramsey
TIFMAS	TIFMAS Strike Team	1 ST		Available	Canadian River Bottom
TIFMAS	TIFMAS Strike Team	1 ST		Available	Big Spring
TIFMAS	TIFMAS Coordinators	2		Available	College Station & Merkel

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TEEX/TX-TF1 & 2	ESF 9 SOC LNO	1		Assigned	R-SOC
TEEX/TX-PWRT	SOC Liaison	1	1	Assigned	R-SOC
TAHC	SOC Representative	1		Assigned	R-SOC
TAHC	Central Office Staff/Agency Admin.	4	0	Available	Virtual
TAHC	Regional Management	18	0	Available	All Regions
TAHC	Field Personnel	6		Assigned	All Regions
DSHS EMTF	SOC Liaison	1		Available	R-SOC
DSHS EMTF	Wildland Fire Pkg (2)	10		Activated	Eastland Complex
DSHS EMTF	Wildland Paramedic Unit (1)	2		Activated	Eastland Complex Fire
DSHS EMTF	Wildland Fire Pkg (1)	5		Staged	San Angelo
DSHS EMTF	Wildland Fire Pkg (1)	5		Staged	Pleasanton
PUC	SOC Liaison	1		Assigned	R-SOC
RRC	SOC Liaison	1		Assigned	R-SOC
TCEQ	SOC Liaison	1		Assigned	R-SOC
TCEQ	DDEOC Liaison	1		Assigned	Abilene
TDA	SOC Liaison	1		Assigned	R-SOC
TxDOT	SOC Liaison	1		Assigned	R-SOC
TxDOT	Fuel Support	8		Assigned	Kinney, Real and Hemphill Counties
TxDOT	Light Towers		2	Assigned	Eastland County
TXDPS	SOC Liaison	1	0	Assigned	R-SOC
TXDPS	Troopers	11	11	Assigned	Medina County
TXDPS	Sergeants	2	2	Assigned	Medina County
TXDPS	Troopers	6	6	Assigned	Eastland County
TMD	Rotary Wing (Medium MRP)	28	4	Assigned	Austin

Agency	Resource Kind and Type	Personnel	Equip	Status	Location
TPWD	SOC Liaison	1		Assigned	R-SOC

FINAL COMMENTS: The State Operations Center (SOC) remains at Level II (Escalated Response Conditions) for COVID-19 pandemic response with additional staffing for Wildfire Outbreak response and recovery. The Texas Division of Emergency Management (TDEM) continues to monitor these situations and will provide additional situation reports as needed.

The four levels of SOC activation are:

Level I	(Emergency Conditions)
Level II	(Escalated Response Conditions)
Level III	(Increased Readiness Conditions)
Level IV	(Normal Conditions)

This Situation Report can be found on the TDEM webpage at:
<https://tdem-web.webflow.io/response/state-operations-center#tab-2>

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